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TAGS: TECH, PARM, AR

SUBJECT: ARGENTINE NUCLEAR PROGRAM

ALSO FOR NRC

1. S & T COUNSELOR/ERDA SCIREP MADE INITIAL COURTESY CALL
ON DR. JORGE ANTONIO COLL, WHO HAS RETURNED FROM IRAN AND IS CUR-
RENTLY SECRETARY GENERAL AND CHIEF OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS FOR CNEA.
WE HELD GENERAL TOUR D'HORIZON ON NUCLEAR MATTERS WHICH IS
DESCRIBED IN MEMCOM TO FOLLOW. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST WERE FOLLOW-
ING:

(A) REPORCESSING. CNEA PLANS TO GRADUALLY COMPLETE PILOT PLANT
AND INTENDS TO USE THIS TO REPROCESS RA-3 FUEL. CNEA IS AWARE
OF U.S. RIGHTS OF REVIEW OF THIS PLANT UNDER ARTICLE XII OF
U.S. ARGENTINE BILATERAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGREEMENT OF JUNE 25, 1969.
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THERE ARE DEFINITELY NO RPT NO FIRM PLANS TO MOVE TO POWER
REACTOR FUEL REPROCESSING, WHICH IS A SUBJECT FOR THE DISTANT
FUTURE.

(B) NEW RESEARCH REACTOR. THE NEW RESEARCH REACTOR (60
MW ACCORDING TO A PRESS REPORT) IS IN THE EARLY PLANNING STAGES.
IT IS TO BE DESIGNED FOR ISOTOPE PRODUCTION AND MATERIALS TESTING

PURPOSES PRIMARILY, AND AT THIS STAGE THERE IS A (NATURAL)
INTERNAL CONFLICT AMONG THESE TWO GROUPS AND THE REACTOR DESIGNERS
AS TO THE NATURE OF THE DESIGN AND HOW IT SHOULD BE OPTIMIZED.
CONTRARY TO THE PRESS REPORT, IT IS NOT AT ALL CLEAR THAT THE
DESIGN WILL BE A NATURAL URANIUM-HEAVY WATER REACTOR. IN FACT
IT MAY WELL TURN OUT TO BE AN ENRICHED URANIUM REACTOR AND COULD
PERHAPS BE SIMILAR TO THE BR-2 AT MOL.

2. EXTENSIVE REPORT ON ENERGY DEVELOPMENTS ALSO IN PREPARATION
AND WILL FOLLOW BY POUCH.
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